

CERS Data Seeding Q&A Phone Conference, November 3, 2011: Meeting Notes

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Action Items:

Next CERS Data Seeding Q&A Phone Conference tentatively scheduled for January 25, 2012, 9:00–10:00am

Agenda 11/3/2011

Chris Allen and Dan Firth answered questions from CUPA technical personal involved with CERS Data Seeding.

Opening comments:

Chris Allen highlighted various minor revisions to seeding document and templates at <S:\Unified\Electronic Reporting\Seeding\CERS2SeedingOct2011.pdf>. These are all integrated into the November release of the Data Seeding document and templates.

Questions:

1. What are the minimally-required fields for data seeding?

Answer: These are identified in with green column headers in in the Microsoft Excel Seeding templates and in the Appendix to Cal/EPA's data seeding paper.

2. What is the difference between EDT and seeding?

Data Seeding supports regulators performing a one-time load of electronic facility data in a flat-file format into CERS. The data may be potentially incomplete, and is entered into CERS as a draft submittal that will be reviewed and submitted by the facility owner/operator. EDT is a method for regulators to submit and export facility submittals on an ongoing basis in XML format.

3. Is there a way to test seeding before we are ready to transmit information to CERS2?

No, Cal/EPA will not be supporting test seeding. The templates are fairly straightforward and all fields are defined in the CERS Data Registry. For each CUPA, Cal/EPA will first process the Facility Information seeding template, and then once all facility records are created, process the Inventory and/or UST seeding templates.

4. Do we need to seed facilities that have gone out of business?

Answer: No, there is no requirement to seed closed businesses.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am